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#### COSTA RICA.

#### *Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Port Limon—Fruit port—Yellow fever.*

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, May 1, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended April 30, 1902:

Present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, cases, 1; deaths none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, cases, 1; deaths, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4. Prevailing diseases, yellow fever, smallpox, and malarial fever. Four deaths noted above occurred in Port Limon, namely, 1 negro, male, infant, of intestinal hemorrhage; 1 white, male, adult, of malarial fever; 1 colored female, adult, of puerperal fever, and 1 colored, female, adult, of dysentery. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not good. One case of yellow fever, a laborer, was brought from Cairo Junction, 39½ miles from here by rail, and admitted to the hospital here, but was not recognized as yellow fever until April 26, ultimo. The case of smallpox developed here April 24 ultimo, is now isolated and guarded. Compulsory vaccination is now being enforced.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: April 24, steamship *Olympia*, number crew, 38; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. April 25, steamship *Holstein*, number crew, 21; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. April 26, steamship *Venus*, number crew, 29; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. April 28, steamship *Alene*, number crew, 42; number of passengers from this port, 16; number of passengers in transit, 4; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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#### CUBA.

#### *Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, May 5, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to transmit the following report of the transactions in the district under my command for the week ended May 3, 1902: Fif-